Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/27/2016

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Location: Blazing Star Room: Centennial Office Building

Attendance

Richard Kolodziejski – Minnesota Association of Professional Employees

Rick King – Thomson Reuters

Charles Johnson – Minnesota Department of Human Services

Tracy Hatch – Minnesota Department of Transportation

Mona Dohman – Minnesota Department of Public Safety

Absent

Gary Shelton – Scott County

Laurie Martinson – Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Decisions Made

Decision: Meeting minutes from the December 2, 2015 meeting were approved.

Agenda

- Introductions and Committee Business
- State CIO Remarks
- Strategic Planning/2016 Top Priorities
- Securing the State

Next Meeting

Date: 06/02/2016

Time: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Blazing Star Room; Centennial Office Building

Meeting Notes

Chair Rick King brought the meeting to order, and the agenda and minutes from the December 2, 2015 meeting were approved. The committee discussed and decided to move to a regular quarterly meeting schedule, with additional ad hoc meetings as needed. The committee also decided to appoint a vice chair after a full slate of appointments is made to fill vacancies on the committee.

Commissioner Tom Baden provided opening remarks, laying out the theme of MN.IT's 2016 Top Priorities as a change in culture that moves MN.IT into the role of "partners in performance." MN.IT leadership also discussed the work done in 2015 to develop 2016 agency priorities and begin the longer-term strategic planning process that will culminate in publishing of a new 5-year State IT Master Plan, as required by state statute. MN.IT leadership committed to developing that plan in partnership with the committee with regular check-ins as elements of the plan are developed.

Assistant Commissioner Chris Buse then provided an overview of MN.IT's Cybersecurity Strategic Plan currently under development and requested the committee's feedback on the plan. Assistant Commissioner Buse four major areas of focus in the plan - proactive risk management, improved situational awareness, robust crisis and incident response, and partnering for success – in additional to outlining the strategies involved, long-term aspirational goals and 2-year milestones in each area that are achievable with available resources. He also informed the committee that the plan was being vetted with private sector information security leaders. Committee stressed the need to inform and engage agency business leaders on the level of risk being accepted in the area of cybersecurity and the need to be aggressive with vendors as RFPs are developed and include strong contract language to reduce the State's risk/liability in use of vendor products. Committee members also stressed the need to maintain focus on security needs in the midst of IT projects where significant pressure is being placed on completing project work quickly.

The committee then discussed MN.IT's planning efforts ahead of the 2016 Legislative Session and strategies for effectively engaging legislators on the issue of cybersecurity. The committee expressed a desire to explore how sensitive security information could be shared with legislators in private settings where the risk of security information being made public can be mitigated. The committee also expressed a desire to see substantive comparisons of the State's security investments and posture to those of the private sector and made clear their willingness to sign onto a letter or other document making clear their support for additional investment in cybersecurity during the 2016 session.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.